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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: AUSTRIAN DELEGATION VIEWS ON NAC

1. AUSTRIAN GUEST DELEGATION MEMBER KLESTIL REVIEWED  
CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS WITH EMBOFF OVER LUNCH AUGUST 18.  
KLESTIL HAS BEEN SITTING IN ON POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND  
DRAFTING GROUP MEETINGS. HE REPORTS THAT EXCEPT FOR  
FEW DAYS WHEN NACC AND MINISTERS WERE DISCUSSING MEMBER-  
SHIP QUESTION, HE AND OTHER GUEST DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN  
FREE TO ATTEND ALL LARGE GATHERINGS.

2. KLESTIL DESCRIBED POLITICAL DELIBERATIONS AS  
TEDIOUS BUT, WITH EXCEPTION OF WESTERN SAHARA ISSUE,  
NOT HIGHLY EMOTIONAL. POLITICAL DRAFTING GROUP HAD  
BECOME DE FACTO POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND WAS ITSELF A  
FORUM OF DEBATE WITH NO DRAFTING GOING ON. WHENEVER  
LANGUAGE REMAINED CONTROVERSIAL FOLLOWING DISCUSSION,  
SMALL GROUP WAS SPUN OFF TO COME UP WITH NEW TEXT.  
AS OF THE END OF AUGUST 18 AM MEETING THERE HAD  
BEEN NO RESULTS TO THIS EXERCISE. IT WAS UNKNOWN  
WHEN REVISED TEXTS WOULD COME BACK TO DRAFTING GROUP  
FOR FINAL APPROVAL BEFORE GOING TO RUBBER STAMP OF  
POLITICAL COMMITTEE. KLESTIL HAD BEEN SURPRISED AT  
OPENNESS OF DISCUSSION IN POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND  
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DRAFTING GROUP. HE FELT CHAIRMAN WAS NOT EXERCISING

UNDUE CONTROL OVER TREND OF DISCUSSION NOR WAS THERE  
ANY EVIDENCE OF SMALL GROUP DOMINATION IN THOSE FORUMS.  
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN ACTUAL REDRAFTING EXERCISE WAS  
STILL TO BE SEEN.

3. ENTIRE MORNING OF AUGUST 18 HAD BEEN TAKEN UP  
WITH DISPUTE OVER LANGUAGE REFERRING TO LANDLOCKED  
COUNTRIES' INTERESTS IN LAW OF THE SEA. AT ONE POINT  
ZAMBIAN REPRESENTATIVE EXCLAIMED, "IF WE CANNOT EXPRESS  
OUR VIEWS ON THE RIGHTS OF THE LANDLOCKED AT THIS  
CONFERENCE, WHY HAS THE ZAMBIAN DELEGATION COME?"  
AS ONE O'CLOCK CLOSING ARRIVED, CHAIRMAN ASKED  
REPRESENTATIVES OF SRI LANKA, MADAGASCAR AND ONE  
LANDLOCKED STATE TO GET TOGETHER AND PRODUCE AGREED  
TEXT.  
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